

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 2, 5-10 and 12-18 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 2, 5-10 and 12-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 for the reasons indicated in the Office Action. In response, claim 8, 9 and 17 have been canceled, and claims 1, 2 and 10 have been amended. No new matter is added by this Amendment.

With Respect to the Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, Pages 2-4 of the Office Action:

1, 2, 5-10 and 12-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 for the reasons indicated in the Office Action. In response, claim 8, 9 and 17 have been canceled, and claims 1, 2 and 10 have been amended. These amendments are believed to obviate the grounds for rejection. Claims 5-7 depend from claim 2, and claims 12-16 and 18 depend from claim 10. Therefore, all pending claims 1, 2, 5-7, 10, 12-16 and 18 are believed to be patentable.

CONCLUSION

The Applicants believe that all pending claims, claims 1, 2, 5-10, 12-18 are now in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is requested. If, however, there remain any issues which can be addressed by telephone, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

If any fee is believed due in connection with this communication, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-2090.

Respectfully submitted,

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